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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROSECUTION - GROUP ART UNIT 1772**

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KAZUYUKI KURODA ET AL.

Application No.: 09/478,884

Filed: January 7, 2000

For: MESOSTRUCTURED MATERIALS,  
SILICA MESOSTRUCTURED  
MATERIALS, PREPARATION  
METHODS THEREOF AND  
CONTROL METHOD OF  
MESOPORE ORIENTATION

Examiner: C. Simone

Group Art Unit: 1772

July 19, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
**BOX: AF**  
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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In response to the final Office Action dated May 20, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application as follows and consider the following remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 3, 13-23, 48, 50 and 55 as follows. A marked-up copy of the claims is attached.

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*BT*
1. (Twice Amended) A mesostructured material comprising:  
a first region having a polymeric surface; and